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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSITION

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1. SECRETARY OF TRADE QUIAZON FIRST FORWARDED
MEMORANDUM IN APRIL RECOMMENDING TO PRESIDENT MARCOS
PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '74 IN SPOKANE.
QUIAZON SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED EXPO '74 IN PERSON
WITH PRESIDENT IN COURSE OF LEAVING FOLLOW-UP
MEMORANDUM RENEWING RECOMMENDATION. THESE AND OTHER
INITIATIVES HAVE TO DATE NOT YIELDED DECISION.

2. JULY 24 VISIT OF MR. RICHARD GARNITZ OF DEPARTMENT
OF TRADE RECOMMENDATION, WAS USEFUL IN ENLISTING SUPPORT
OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY FOR PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION. EMBASSY
HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT SINCE GARNITZ VISIT CHAMBER
OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF
INDUSTRIES, AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINES
HAVE EACH MADE STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT FOR
PARTICIPATION.

3. DESIRABILITY OF HIGH-LEVEL EMBASSY APPROACH DISCUSSED
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DURING GARNITZ VISIT, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT LATTER

WOULD BE SENT TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR URGING
PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION AND ADVISING EARLY
DECISION. THIS HAS BEEN DONE, AS GARNITZ INFORMED DURING
RECENT TELEPHONE CALLS TO EMBOFF.

4. GARNITZ ADVISED DURING HIS VISIT THAT PRESIDENTIAL
DECISION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS UNLIKELY IN VIEW CONTINUING
HEAVY DEMANDS ON PRESIDENT'S TIME. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED UP
AND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS.
BELIEVE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS TO PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OF WHICH EMBASSY INFORMED TODAY,
WILL NOT ADVANCE PROSPECTS FOR PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION
EXPO '74 AND MAY WELL IMPEDE CHANCES BY CONFUSING LINES
OF DECISION AS WELL AS BLURRING EMBASSY EFFORT.
RECOGNITION MUST BE GIVEN TO FACT THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS
IS AWARE OF EXPO '74, AWARE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR
IT, AND AWARE OF FAVORABLE POSITIONS OF PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE SECTOR. EMBASSY
IS ENDEAVORING ENSURE THAT DECISION WILL BE A
FAVORABLE ONE AND WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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